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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

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PRESENT:

DEFENSE: Mr. Madison E. Mitchell

STATE: Mr. Richard E. Curl

NSA: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

CIA: [REDACTED]

ARMY: Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY: Captain Frederick Welden

AIR FORCE: Lt. Colonel Charles D. Fisher
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF: Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF
(for Colonel George E. Perry, USAF)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

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ALSO PRESENT:

NSA: [REDACTED]

CIA: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

ARMY: Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)
Mr. Jack E. Thomson

NAVY: Commander Frederick W. Hitz
Mr. Roy Adolfson
Mr. Harris B. Stone

JOINT STAFF: Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN

SECRETARIAT: Major Alva H. May, USAF
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US IB-EE-^{5.3/74}~~5.2/74~~

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 21 January 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-third (Special) Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DISCUSSION:

The Minutes of the Twenty-third (Special) Meeting were amended as follows:

Reference Item 3, Page 4, third paragraph of Discussion, the first sentence is changed to read as follows:

"The NSA Member noted that his Agency was working on a requirements paper and suggested that this might be used as a basis for determining how to proceed with the required revision."

The Minutes were amended accordingly.

DECISION: (21 January 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-third (Special), as amended, were approved.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fourth Meeting
of the ELINT Committee, held on 21 January 1960.

Subject:

Priorities for [REDACTED]

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PROBLEM:

To consider recommendations on establishing priorities to improve
the quality and timing of [REDACTED] 25X1D6b

DISCUSSION:

The CIA Member noted that there was nothing new to report.

The NSA Member indicated that it was hoped that PAG would publish
its report before the end of the month, and it should be ready for the
next meeting.

DECISION: (21 January 1960)

To defer to a subsequent meeting pending receipt of report from the
PAG.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 21 January 1960.

Subject:



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PROBLEM:

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To consider the report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on [REDACTED] and determine a course of Committee action.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman asked for a general discussion of the topic prior to considering the Ad Hoc Group's report in detail. The Members considered numerous aspects of the problem as they pertained to the report, but deemed it unnecessary to go through the report paragraph by paragraph.

Among the aspects that were considered and debated at some length were the correctness of the assumption in Paragraph II, the scope of the Committee's responsibilities in the matter, and the community aspects involved.

[REDACTED] A program must be developed, and it was generally conceded that the Committee should make appropriate recommendations to USIB. The Chairman indicated that he considered the problem to be twofold - (a) what are the Committee's responsibilities in the matter and (b) what recommendations should be made to the Board on where the balance should be handled. In this connection, more justification than presently appears in the report should be provided for community action.

The NSA Member agreed that the report in its present form is not sufficiently documented, and several of the Members felt that the use of [REDACTED] was nebulous and needed revision. The Members considered a handout from CIA but did not take direct action on this paper.

It was agreed that the report required some additional drafting to clearly define the limitations on COMINT/ELINT activities, lead up to the community problem if warranted, and delineate specific recommendations to USIB. After considering various approaches, it was decided that a working group composed of NSA and Army should start work on redrafting the paper, particularly the covering memorandum.

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DECISION: (21 January 1960)

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To appoint a working group composed of NSA and Army to redraft the [REDACTED] in the light of Committee discussion, with a target date of two weeks hence for consideration of the problem at an early February Meeting.

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USIB-EE-35./22 Item 4 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 21 January 1960.

Subject: Emergency Planning.

PROBLEM:

To consider action required in order to submit an approved ELINT Emergency Plan to USIB.

DISCUSSION:

Two papers on the subject were distributed at the meeting: a draft memorandum from CIA and a memorandum from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group (USIB-EE-35./21). The Members considered both of these papers informally in subsequent discussion.

In considering the various proposals and approaches to the problem, it was generally conceded that the only point at issue was in Paragraph 4 of the ELINT Emergency Plan. This appeared to evolve primarily into a problem of continuity of responsibility. The Members considered the responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense and DIRNSA under emergency conditions, and where Committee responsibilities should be delegated until such time as the Committee could be reconstituted.

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████████████████████ Chairman of the Steering Committee, spoke on this problem and tabled a suggested solution for Paragraph 4c. He pointed out that NSCID 6 provides for established chain of authority, and that there was no intention to curtail the responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense. However, he considered that USIB responsibilities should not be handed over to any other body.

The NSA Member felt that provision had to be made for continuity of community guidance - in an emergency where no structure was available, DIRNSA should try to reconstitute ELINT Committee responsibilities to the best of his ability to provide for community guidance, until the regular structure could be reconstituted. Such an interim body would provide guidance to both NSA and SECDEF.

On the suggestion of the Joint Staff Member, it was agreed that the NSA and CIA Members would redraft the required portions of the plan and submit it to the Chairman, who would contact the Members and effect the necessary coordination. The Chairman would then submit the approved paper to the Executive Secretary for distribution.

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ITEM 4 (CONT'D)

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DECISION: (21 January 1960)

The NSA and CIA Members to redraft those portions of Paragraph 4 of the ELINT Emergency Plan as require revision and submit to the Chairman. The Chairman to effect expeditious coordination prior to circulation of an approved version.

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USIB-EE-~~9.4/26~~ Item 5 of the Agenda for the Twenty-fourth Meeting of
 9.3/26 the ELINT Committee, held on 21 January 1960.

Subject: ELINT Indicator List.

PROBLEM:

To consider status and determine necessary action on preparation of an ELINT Indicator List.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member indicated that the paper on this subject was not yet completed. NSA is working on it, and a paper should be ready for circulation for consideration at the next regular meeting.

DECISION: (21 January 1960)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting pending submission of the report from NSA.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-fourth Meeting, 21 January 1960, came to order at 1000.

2. Reference Secretary's Note 4, the CIA Member requested that the word 'Service' be inserted before '..... Members submit the reports called for in the Decision without delay'. As it was understood from the Minutes of the Twenty-second Meeting that this applied to 'Service Members', the Committee concurred. Note 4, 23rd (Special) Meeting is so amended.

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It was decided that these were to be submitted to the Executive Secretary instead of to NSA as had been indicated earlier.

With reference to the proposed [REDACTED] which the COMINT Committee had indicated were tentatively scheduled to take place within four weeks, the Chairman noted that he would maintain contact with the Chairman of the COMINT Committee to ensure the inclusion of ELINT aspects. The ELINT Committee will keep the topic current.

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3. With reference to the item on "U.S. COMINT and ELINT Programs", the Chairman advised the Members of USIB approval of the paper submitted by the COMINT and ELINT Committees (USIB-EE-5./26). This led to a discussion of ELINT priority objectives. In this connection, an NSA paper was distributed at the meeting, outlining an ELINT objectives list (USIB-EE-9.4/24). Consideration of this paper was deferred to the next regular meeting. The Chairman noted that the objectives list could form the basis for a look at the overall program as charged by the Board, and emphasized that consideration would have to be given to sources and reasons for priorities.

4. With reference to the memorandum from ACSI (USIB-EE-29.20/35) outlining plans to proceed [REDACTED] the CIA Member requested that this action be delayed until he could clear the matter with his Agency. The Army Member pointed out that the proposed action was within the authority granted by USIB, but agreed to delay implementation for a few days until the CIA Member could give a firm reply. If there is any objection, the matter will be referred to the Committee.

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5. The Chairman raised the question of frequency and time of meetings. After discussion, the Members agreed to meet regularly on a twice a month basis. Meetings will be held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 0930 until the workload situation dictates a change. Consequently, the next meeting will be held on 4 February at 0930 in the Director's Conference Room.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1330.

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